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SUBJ: NIH FUNDING FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH IN LIBERIA

REF: STATE 196550

1. SHORT NOTICE OF DEADLINE AND SUBSEQUENT EFFORTS BY EMBASSY TO  
TO PRESS MOH ON THIS MONKEY BUSINESS NOT HELPFUL AND MAY HAVE EX-  
ACERBATED PROBLEMS. HOWEVER, BELIEVE AGREEMENT POSSIBLE WHICH WILL  
BE SATISFACTORY TO ALL PARTIES.

2. EMBOFF WAS ABLE TALK TO HEALTH MINISTER BRIGHT THIS MORNING  
AND DISCUSSED QTE WRITTEN ASSURANCES UNQTE BY GOL (REFTEL)  
OF ITS INTENTION QTE COOPERATE WITH BOTH NIH AND BIOMEDICAL IN-  
STITUTE UNQTE.

BRIGHT MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:#(A) LIBERIAN INSTITUTE OF BIOMEDIC-  
AL RESEARCH (LIBR) SEPARATE GOL AGENCY AND WORKING AGREEMENT  
MUST BE BETWEEN NEW YORK BLOOD CENTER (NYBC) AND LIBR -- NOT RPT  
NOT WITH MOH; (B) IN ANY EVENT, HE COULD NOT GIVE QTE WRITTEN  
ASSURANCES UNQTE UNLESS HE HAS WRITTEN AGREEMENT BEFORE HIM TO  
REVIEW; AND (C) IMPOSSIBLE GIVE ANY ASSURANCES ON SUCH SHORT  
NOTICE. BRIGHT THIS MORNING DID SIGN STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN LIBR AND NYBC WHICH AUTHORIZES CAPTURE OF FIFTY (50)  
CHIMPANZEES (ALSO SIGNED BY AGMIN PHILLIPS, DR. EMMET DENNIS OF  
LIBR AND BROTMAN FOR PRINCE OF NYBC) AND/OR TO PURCHASE CHIMPS

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UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS. BRIGHT ALSO INDICATED THAT HE FORESEES

NO PROBLEMS IN NYBC AND LIBR REACHING ACCEPTABLE AGREEMENT, AND  
WELCOMES NIH INVOLVEMENT.

3. BROTMAN OF NY: 59\$ 3.BOFF THAT LETTER OF COMMITMENT  
FROM LIBR TO NYBC ALREADY SENT PCICE. LETTER REPORTEDLY  
INFICATES NYBC WELCOME TO CONDUCT RESEARCH AT LIBR AND THAT  
SPACE FOR SUCH RESEARCH WILL BE PROVIDED. DENNIS AWAITING  
PRINCE'S RETURN TO LIBERIA TO WORK OUT DETAILS OF FORMAL  
AGREEMENT AND ASSURES THAT NYBC WILL NOT BE REQUIRED PROVIDE  
ANYTHING TO LIBERIA THAT NYBC UNABLE PROVIDE.

4. COMMENT: WHILE BRIGHT TOLD EMBOFF THAT LIBR SEPARATE  
AGENCY AND MOH COULD NOT SIGN AGREEMENT, WE DOUBT IF ANY SUCH  
AGREEMENT CAN BE SIGNED WITHOUT BRIGHT'S APPROVAL. IT DOES  
APPEAR THAT AN AGREEMENT CAN BE REACHED WHICH WILL MEET WITH  
BRIGHT'S APPROVAL, AND EMBASSY FEELS THAT IT WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE  
IF FUNDING DENIED ONLY BECAUSE OF THE DELAYS IN OBTAINING  
SIGNED AGREEMENT THAT HAVE BEEN EXPERIENCED. DENNIS OF LIBR  
SUPPORTS PROJECT. AS SCIENTIST, HE RECOGNIZES IMPORTANCE OF  
PROJECT AND INTERESTED IN PRESTIGE THIS PROJECT WILL GIVE IF  
SUCCESSFUL.

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